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BOSH'YAN ELECTED DEPUTY OF SUPREME SOVIET RSFSR

Gevork Mnatsekanovich Bosh'yan was born on 15 December 1908 in the city of Kirobakan, Armenian SSR, into a family of a hired workman.

In 1928, he enrolled at the Yerevan Zooveterinary Institute. Upon graduation, he worked as an assistant to the chair of biochemistry. In 1936, he completed graduate studies in the All-Union Institute of Experimental Veterinary Medicine (VIEV), defended his dissertation for the degree of candidate of biological sciences, and subsequently worked as a senior scientific associate in the Laboratory of Albumin Studies, Academy of Sciences USSR. Beginning in 1939, Bosh'yan worked as a senior scientific associate in the Division of Equine Infectious Anemia, VIEV. He has published 16 scientific works on various problems of biochemistry (Moscow).

He voluntarily joined the ranks of the Soviet Army at the beginning of World War II and was demobilized in 1946. Following demobilization, he worked in VIEV as a senior scientific associate in the Division of Equine Infectious Anemia, and since October of 1946 has been head of the Division of Biochemistry and Microbiology [presumably VIEV].

On 29 April 1950, Bosh'yan received the scientific degree of doctor of sciences and the title of professor for outstanding discoveries in the field of biological sciences.

Bosh'yan's discoveries, which emanate from dialectical-materialistic interpretation of the laws of biology, disprove many of the earlier accepted views on the nature of viruses and microbes and their interaction with the living organism.

Bosh'yan established that microbes and viruses are merely different stages of development of one and the same microorganisms, depending on the environmental conditions in which they live.

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Bosh'yan's discovery radically changes the concept of the nature of the pathogenesis and immunity of infectious diseases and offers the possibility of controlling the processes of development of resistance to these diseases in man and animals.

The results of Bosh'yan's works strongly attest to the great strides made by Soviet biological science.

The Soviet government has awarded Bosh'yan the orders Patriotic War, 2d Class, and Labor Red Banner, and the medals Capture of Koenigsberg, Victory Over Germany and the 800th Anniversary of Moscow.

Bosh'yan was elected a deputy to the Supreme Soviet RSFSR from Ukhtomsk Rayon, Moscow Oblast.

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